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LETTER: 'Climate-change madness'

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To the editor:

The casual observer may not have noticed that the man-made-climate-change militants are losing traction as more people with half a brain wise up to their tomfoolery. It is unfortunate that there are believers who still haven't recognized what a threat this scam is to the affluent lifestyle Americans have earned through hard work and principled diligence. A chapter of revisionist history closely parallels the global warming hoax. The "father of modern science," Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), was an ostracized "outlier." That is the label Al Gore pins on heretics who refuse to drink the Kool-Aid of hysteria and propaganda. The results of Galileo's explorations had profound implications, but the commonly held belief that it was Christian doctrine that disrupted his research is erroneous.

The Catholic Church had little problem with Galileo's investigations, some of the clergy quite fascinated by his postulates. The distinguished astronomers, mathematicians and philosophers of that time saw things differently. Galileo's heliocentric theory contradicted centuries of "settled" science going back to Aristotle, and its very notion handed a devastating proposition to prestigious centers of learning. Academia could not tolerate such an upheaval, so having strong influence on the political apparatus of the Church, in 1615 Galileo's enemies went to great lengths to denounce him before the Roman Inquisition. He was cleared of all charges, but because of the headache he was giving the Church, he was warned to stop promoting his theory. Eventually he crossed the line and in 1632 published and defended his most important work, "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems." Outraged by his audacity, the intelligentsia bullied the Church into trying him again. This time it caved, and he was found guilty of suspected heresy, forced to recant and spend his last years under house arrest. All of this was indeed a dark blemish on the Roman Catholic Church, but it is important to point out that its officials were coerced co-conspirators in all of this mischief; it was the intellectuals in high places who were the real antagonists suppressing the inconvenient truth.

That Christianity has stood in opposition to the advancement of science is a non sequitur inference promulgated throughout modern history by cerebrally lazy educators and history textbook writers who have a distain and hostility toward religion, Christianity particularly. A distorted account of

Galileo's persecution is one of the most often used examples cited to pit religion against science. There is nothing in the Bible about celestial mechanics.

We contemporarily face the same phenomena with the climate change madness. The alarmists masquerade as ordained "experts," concealing their true identity as secular religious fanatics and arrogant elitists. Their mission is very clear — usurp our God-given freedoms using bogus science that portends an Armageddon if we don't genuflect alongside the Gaia worshippers. As we can learn from Galileo's tribulations, consensus is not science. Misguided social engineering and political agendas have morphed legitimate science into "scientism," analogous to declaring astrology now an equally valid construct as astronomy. This kind of cultural retrogression is at least in part an outcome of the watered-down science curriculum in American schools. Thus we are now witness to the alarmists recklessly dismissing the scientific method and supplanting it with their Holy Grail of subjective and undecipherable computer modeling which, as disinterested scientists and statisticians tell us, is no more useful in predicting the future than a tarot card. Like Galileo's enemies, the alarmists have too much invested in the status quo to face the fallout of its repudiation. Nature is certainly not cooperating. The earth's warming trend ended some fifteen years ago as the Holocene interglacial period continues to be regulated according to natural causes. The world's ice mass is growing, not melting; there is no detectable sea level rise; and the IPCC, Nobel Peace prize recipient, continues to be discredited for its false claims based on nothing but anecdotal evidence. None of this matters to the alarmists who desperately explain away any facts incongruent with their crumbling mantra. Follow the money trail, $90 billion of government largess to date, and we see from the climate-gate scandal that there is no shame in fudging data if it keeps the bucks rolling in.

It is Judaic Christian tenets, vigorous open debate and academic transparency that keep a somewhat reasoned, ordered and moral civilization moving forward. It is the radical environmental fascists and the possessed opportunists like Al Gore and James Hansen who have made every effort to steer humanity into an abyss of senseless deprivation and misery, padding their own personal fortunes and making sure they don't go over the cliff along with the rest of us. The most corrupt administration in my lifetime has seriously maimed the banking system and has stuffed socialized medicine down our throats at the expense of future generations. If this emboldened government is successful in using the same sleazy tactics and treachery to pass cap and trade, you can kiss our future prosperity and our survival as a world leader goodbye.

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